

**POLSON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
FY 2020-2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Fairgrounds Fire Station No. 1

July 29, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Notice: All meetings for the Polson Rural Fire District Board of Trustees are recorded.

Board trustees present: Fred Nelson, Dick Wunderlich, Ron Roberts.

Board trustees absent: R. Jack Clapp, excused (wildland response), John Doty, excused.

Staff: Fire Chief Gordon R. Gieser, excused (wildland response),
Secretary/Treasurer Bonnie M. Manicke.

Guests/Visitors: Matt Dougherty, Alison Meslin, Leanna Fillman.

Call to Order {00:04} – Chair Nelson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was entered into the minutes. The meeting was turned over to Trustee Wunderlich, Budget Committee Chair to discuss the FY 2020-2021 proposed preliminary budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for the public.

Public Hearing {00:40} – Trustee Wunderlich thanked the budget committee Trustee Roberts, Chief Gieser, Bonnie Manicke and Alison Meslin for assisting with the budget.

Operating Fund #7245 Budget {01:02} – Trustee Wunderlich introduced the budget. The budget line items that changed from the FY 2019-2020 budget will be discussed. Questions will be addressed by raising your hand.

100 Personnel Services Line item 112 chief's salary increased to \$44,600. The salary adjustment represents a \$600 increase for screening equipment. Line item 140 employer contributions increased in relation to salary increase. Personnel Services total \$48,600. Trustee Wunderlich asked for public comment. Public comment: none.

200 Supplies Operating Line item 201 operating supplies is sufficient. Line item 202 miscellaneous supplies added \$5,000. Line item 208 safety equipment increased \$400 line item total \$8,000. Line item 209 building supplies and maintenance line item total \$5,000 to upgrade facilities. Line item 212 communications remained at \$6,900 to replace repeater at Jette. Supplies total \$87,300. Trustee Wunderlich asked for public comment. Public comment: none.

300 Purchased Services Line item 310 Big Arm generator line item total \$6,500. The generator install is a work in progress analyzing adequate time for completion. Line item 320 Repairs and Maintenance Fairgrounds Station increased to \$9,500 to replace tables and chairs in the meeting room. Line item 321 Fairgrounds cleaning services, 322 station 4 electricity and heat 323 heat remain the same. 324 maintenance Station 4 install ceiling fans and address sewer system line item total \$5,200. Line item 325 security station 4 \$1,750. Line item 331 increased to \$700. Line item Purchased Services total \$53,346 Trustee Wunderlich asked for public comment. Public comment: none.

500 Fixed Charges Line item 504 clothing allowance increased to \$9,000 to be equitable with city clothing allowance. Line item 505 firefighters physicals reduced to \$2,000 which compensates for

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reduced fee with a new provider. Line item 510 clerk's salary increase \$500 to compensate for additional duties. Line item 112 chief's salary and line item 510 clerk's salary must be approved by full board. Fixed Charges total \$47,852. The total FY 2020-2021 expenditure budget is \$237,098.

Revenues The tax revenue amount will be available in early August. Cash on hand \$100,130.90 anticipated tax revenue at this time \$157,137.24, additional revenue sources include state grants, state entitlements, donations, and investment interest earnings for an estimated revenue \$17,312.32. Total resources \$274,580.46, total expenditures \$237,098, which establishes a cash reserve \$37,482.46. The fees for services responses including vehicle crashes will be analyzed further. Trustee Wunderlich asked for public comment. Public comment: none.

.Chair Nelson commented FY 2020-2021 expenditure budget increase of \$34,000 is very reasonable.

Voted Levy 5-Mill Levy Fund #7244 Budget {11:27} – Trustee Wunderlich introduced the budget Cash balance carry over at June 30th is \$64,510.88.

Revenues Tax revenue projection at this time \$74,685 and investment interest earnings \$500 with a total revenue \$75,185.

Expenditures

600 Debt Service Chief's Administrative Vehicle FINAL loan payment \$2,909 due November, 2020.

800 Other (transfer) to fund #7246 for capital projects \$96,522.

900 Capital Outlay Improvements other than building \$8,000; SCBA grant match 10% \$14,000; repairs \$10,000.

Total resources \$139,695, total expenditures \$131,431, with cash reserve \$8,264. .

Trustee Wunderlich asked for public comment. Public comment: none.

Capital Improvement Fund #7246 Budget {13:07} – Trustee Wunderlich introduced the budget.

Revenues

Cash balance at June 30th \$39,843.25.

Charges for services Anticipated wildland fire income \$15,000.

Miscellaneous revenues

Donations – Membership contribution to WT-311 upgrade \$10,000

Anonymous grant year 2 of 3 \$50,000.

Investment earnings \$1,200

Other financing sources

Transfers from fund #7244 \$96,522.

Expenditures:

Safety equipment \$50,000; vehicle reserve for U-#312 in progress \$49,000, WT-#311 complete rebuild \$83,800, purchase apparatus from Missoula Rural \$15,000 (est).

Total resources \$212,565.25; total expenditures \$197,800, with cash reserve \$14,765.

Public comment: Leanna Fillman questioned the real property tax collections in light of COVID-19.

Trustee Wunderlich replied no shortfall is apparent.

Chair Nelson commented the budget committee did a good job. During the past three years,

additional equipment was acquired at no cost, and Station No. 4 was constructed with cash on hand

The district negotiated a \$100,000 loan which is available, although no funds were drawn. The new

station improved the fire rating which resulted in an insurance cost savings for property owners. Matt

Dougherty indicated as a work in progress Chief Gieser plans to reduce the ISO rating from six to

five.

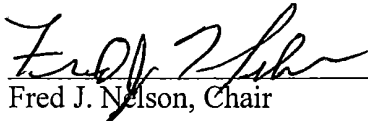
In conclusion, Chair Nelson commented the district has adequate funds for operations. Chief Gieser completes the equipment maintenance in house which is a huge cost savings.


Chair Nelson asked for additional questions on the budget. None presented.

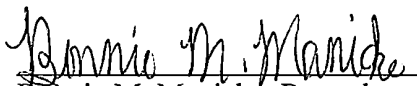
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING {21:19} - Trustee Wunderlich motion to close FY 2020-2021 preliminary budget hearing. Trustee Roberts second. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

FY 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing closed 6:23 p.m.

**FY 2020-2021 Final Budget Public Hearing
is scheduled for August 12, 2020 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds Station Number 1**


Fred J. Nelson, Chair


Dick Wunderlich Secretary-Treasurer


Bonnie M. Manicke, Recorder

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AGENDA
Polson Rural Fire District Trustees
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY JULY 29, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Station No. 1 Fairground Fire Station
25B Regatta Rd.
Polson, MT 59860
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Station 1 Phone 406 883 4244

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC HEARING 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING-PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY 2020-2021
TRUSTEE WUNDERLICH, BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

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